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In re Application of: )  
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Serial No.: 10/020,256 ) Examiner:  
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Filed: December 14, 2002 ) Group Art Unit:  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the present application as follows prior to consideration on the merits.

Marked-up copies of the original text of the amended specification paragraph is attached to this amendment. Material inserted is indicated by underlining and material deleted is indicated by brackets [ ].

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0056] with the following paragraph: